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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER DATED OCTOBER 21,1980 FROM PEOPLE'S NATIONAL PARTY GENERAL SECRETARY D.K. DUNCAN TO THE SECRETARY OF THE JAMAICA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES. EMBASSY WAS ONE OF SEVERAL LOCAL OFFICES WHICH RECEIVED CARBON COPIES.
BEGIN QUOTE.
DEAR SIR:
FROM TIME TO TIME WE RECEIVE INFORMATION ABOUT PLANS TO AFFECT THE JAMAICAN POLITICAL CLIMATE BY ACTIONS TAKEN IN MIAMI BY PERSONS WHO ARE HOSTILE TO THE PEOPLE'S NATIONAL PARTY. WE DO NOT PUBLISH ALL OF THESE REPORTS BUT ARE COMPELLED TO BRING THIS MOST RECET TO YOUR ATTENTION BECAUSE.
(A) IT COME FROMA RELIABLE SOURCE AND.
(B) IT IS CLEARLY CALUDALETED TO PREVENT THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS FROM TAKING PLACE AT OUR GENERAL ELECTIONS ON OCTOBER 30.
IT IS OUR RELIABLE INFORMATION THAT A WELL KNOWN MAIMI NEWSPAPER WILL BE RUNNING A SERIES OF STORIES IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS TO THE EFFECT THAT:
I) FALSE BALLOT BOXES HAVE BEEN MADE IN CUBA IDENTICAL TO THOSE TO BE USED IN THE UPCOMING GENERAL ELECTIONS.
II THESE BALLOT BOXES ARE TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE GENERAL ELEECTIONS TO TRY AND PRODUCE A CORRUPT RESULT.
III) THE MAKING OF THESE BALLOT BOXES CO INCIDED WITH THE VISIT OF COMRADE DUDLEY THOMPSON TO CUBA FOR MEDICAL ATTENTION.
THE OBVIOUS INTENTION OF THIS FALSE STORY WOULD BE TO STIR UP HATRED AND INDIGNATION AMONG JAMAICAN PEOPLE ABOUT THE INTERFERENCE IN OUR ELECTORAL SYSTEM.
THE PLAN INCLOES A PROPOSAL TO PUBLISH ALL THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF ALL CUBAN PERSONNEL WHO ARE WORKING IN JAMAICA. THE INTENTION WOULD BE TO MAKE ENRAGED JAMAICANS ATTACK CUBANS AND TO GIVE SPECIFIC PURPOSE TO THE JAMAIA LABOR PARTY'S SLOGAN" THE CUBANS MUST GO" AND THIS IS ALSO INTENDED TO GIVE POLITICAL MILEAGE TO THE JLP IN ITS ANTI COMMUNIST CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE PNP.
WE HAVE CAREFULLY INVESTIGATED THE ALLEGATION. IT IS A COMPLETE LIE.
WE CONDEMN THIS LATEST ACT OF DESPERATION AND CALL ON THE JAMAICA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES TO INVESTIGATE IT.
THE PNP WILL BE GIVING FULL PRESS PUBLICITY TO THE CONTENTS OF THIS LETTER AND WILL AGAIN RENEW ITS CALL TO THE JAMAICAN PEOPLE TO HAVE FAITH IN THEIR ELECTORAL SYSTEM AND TO WORK FEARLESSLY TO SEE THAT IT GIVES TRUE DEMOCRATIC EXPRESSION TO THE WISHES OF THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE OF OUR NATION.
WE WILL BE CALLING ON TH ELECTORAL COMMISSION AND THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTION TO ENSURE THAT ONLY GENUINE BALLOT BOXES AND ELECTION MATERIALS ARE USED AT ALL POLLING STATIONS AND COUNTING OFFICES.
WE ALSO CALL ON THEM TO MAKE SURE THAT THE CUSTODY AND TRASPORTATION OF ALL ELECTION MATERIALS ARE UNDERTAKEN BY AUTHORIZES PERSONS OF INTEGRITY AND UNDER THE BEST CONDITIONS OF SECURITY.
YOUR IS THE STRUGGLE
D.K. DUNCAN
GENERAL SECRETARY
END QUOTE.
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